

# CAMPING

## CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required for Yosemite Valley's auto campgrounds year-round and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served.

Camping reservations will be available in blocks of 1 month at a time, up to 5 months in advance, on the 15th of each month through the National Park Reservation System (NPRS).

Thus, for:

CAMPING ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATION
All dates thru 12/14/00	7/15/00
12/15/00 thru 1/14/01	8/15/00
1/15/01 thru 2/14/01	9/15/00
2/15/01 thru 3/14/01	10/15/00
3/15/01 thru 4/14/01	11/15/00
4/15/01 thru 5/14/01	12/15/00, etc.

From May through September, campsites are in heavy demand and prospective campers are encouraged to call NPRS as early as possible in the period.

Written requests should be made to NPRS so they are received no sooner than 2 weeks before the 15th of the month that the desired camping arrival date goes on sale. Written requests will not be processed until the 15th of the month (at the same time telephone requests are being taken). Include desired location, type of equipment you will be camping in (i.e., tent, RV, etc.), as well as method of payment. Online reservations can be accessed through *reservations.nps.gov* from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

**Check-in/check-out time for Yosemite Valley campgrounds is 10:00 a.m.** Campsites are assigned by NPRS at the time the reservation is made. Campers may request a specific campsite number if it is available at the time the reservation is made. **All campsite assignments are final**—you may not switch or change camp-

sites after you arrive in the park. **Maximum length for recreational vehicles in Valley campgrounds is 40 feet.**

Camp 4 (Sunnyside) Walk-in Campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are rented on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of the number of people in your party. Camp 4 (Sunnyside) often fills before 9:00 a.m. each day May through September.

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, **May 1-September 15, camping limit in Yosemite Valley is 7 days inclusive.**

## OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY

**Check-in/check-out time for campgrounds outside the Valley is noon. Maximum length for recreational vehicles is 35 feet.**

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, from May 1 to September 15, the camping limit outside the Valley is limited to a total of 14 days, except for Wawona, which is limited to 7 days. Wawona and Hodgdon Meadow are open all year. Other campgrounds outside the Valley are open only during the summer months. See grid below for details.

## CAMPING IN AREAS SURROUNDING YOSEMITE

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite in the Inyo, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests. Many of these campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis; however, some may be reserved. Unlike Yosemite, the national forests allow dispersed camping in some areas (outside of designated campgrounds). Campfire permits are required. **For additional information, contact the local USFS district offices: Highway 120 West, Groveland Ranger Station (Stanislaus NF) 209/962-7825; Highway 140, Mariposa Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 209/966-3638;**

**Highway 120 East, Mono Lake Ranger Station (Inyo NF) 760/647-3044; Highway 41, Oakhurst Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 559/683-4636.** For private campgrounds and lodging outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

## GROUP CAMPGROUNDS

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made through NPRS; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets are not permitted in group sites. Check-in/check-out time is noon.

## SERVICES

There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley; see page 19 for locations and hours of service. Bear-proof food storage lockers are available in all Yosemite campgrounds (they measure 45”w x 18”h x 34”d). See *Bears Are Not To Blame* on page 3 for food storage guidelines.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Camping/sleeping in vehicles is permitted only in designated campsites.
- Maximum of 6 people (including children) and 2 vehicles per campsite.
- Pets are permitted only in specific campgrounds (check grid below). Pets must be on a leash at all times, are not allowed on any hiking trails, and may not be left unattended.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Generators may be used sparingly between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Dishwater and sewage must be disposed of in designated utility drains.
- Electrical extension cords may not be connected to campground restroom outlets.

## CAMPFIRE RULES

- To improve air quality in Yosemite Valley, campfires are permitted only between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. from May 1 through October 15.
- Firewood collection is prohibited in Yosemite Valley. This includes “dead and down” wood.
- Outside the Valley, wood may not be gathered at elevations above 9,600 feet or in sequoia groves.
- Cutting standing trees or attached limbs, alive or dead, is prohibited, as is the use of chainsaws.
- Please start campfires with newspaper. Do not burn pine needles or cones, as they create unnecessary smoke.
- Campfires are permitted only in established fire rings.
- See fire safety information on page 7.

Reservations may be made from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

**TOLL-FREE RESERVATIONS:**  
800/436-7275

**ONLINE RESERVATIONS:**  
*reservations.nps.gov*

You may reserve only one campsite at a time.

**INTERNATIONAL CALLERS:**  
301/722-1257

**TDD (TOLL-FREE):**  
888/530-9796

**MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS:**  
NPRS  
P.O. Box 1600  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Up to two campsites may be reserved at a time by mail or phone with Mastercard, Visa, Discover, personal check, or money order.

CAMPGROUND	ELEVATION	MILES FROM YOSEMITE VALLEY	# OF SITES/SPACES	DAILY FEE *	RV SPACE	TENT SPACE	TAP WATER	STREAM WATER (BOTT)	FLUSH TOILETS	PIT TOILETS	PICNIC TABLES	FIRE PITS OR GRILL	PETS ALLOWED	DUMP STATION	PARKING	SHOWERS NEARBY	LAUNDRY NEARBY	GROCERIES NEARBY	SWIMMING	FISHING	HORSEBACK RIDING	NOTES**
IN YOSEMITE VALLEY																						
NORTH PINES	4,000' 1,220 m	0	81	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open April-September <i>Reservations required</i>
UPPER PINES	4,000' 1,220 m	0	238	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open All Year <i>Reservations required</i>
LOWER PINES	4,000' 1,220 m	0	60	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open March-October <i>Reservations required</i>
CAMP 4 WALK-IN (Sunnyside)	4,000' 1,220 m	0	35	\$3/p	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open All Year/Walk-In <i>First-come, first-served Limited parking</i>
OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY																						
WAWONA Wawona Road (Highway 41) near Wawona	4,000' 1,220 m	27	93	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open All Year <i>Reservations required May-Sept. (\$15); First-come, first-served Oct.-April (\$10)</i>
BRIDALVEIL CREEK Glacier Point Road	7,200' 2,194 m	25	110	\$10/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open July-early Sept. <i>First-come, first-served</i>
HODGDON MEADOW Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy. 120 west near Big Oak Flat Entrance)	4,872' 1,484 m	25	105	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open All Year <i>Reservations required May-Sept. (\$15); First-come, first-served Oct.-April (\$10)</i>
CRANE FLAT Big Oak Flat Rd. near the Tioga Road turnout	6,191' 1,886 m	17	166	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open June-September <i>Reservations required</i>
TAMARACK FLAT Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	6,315' 1,924 m	23	52	\$6/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open June-early Sept. <i>Three-mile access road not suitable for large RVs or trailers. First-come, first-served</i>
WHITE WOLF Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,000' 2,437 m	31	74	\$10/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open July-early Sept. <i>First-come, first-served. Not suitable for RVs over 27'</i>
YOSEMITE CREEK Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	7,659' 2,333 m	35	75	\$6/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open July-early Sept. <i>Five-mile access road not suitable for RVs over 24' or trailers. First-come, first-served</i>
PORCUPINE FLAT Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,100' 2,468 m	38	52	\$6/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open July-early Sept. <i>RV access front section only. First-come, first-served</i>
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,600' 2,620 m	55	304	\$15/s	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Open July through Sept. <i>½ advanced reservations, ½ same-day reservations. 25 walk-in spaces available for backpackers/campers without vehicles</i>

\*/s = per site  
/p = per person

\*\*Dates approximate